

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of August 24, 2015

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, August 24, 2015  
at 6:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:45

**Members Present,** Christian de Rezendes , Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin, Keith Nadeau

**Members Absent:** Daniel Couture, Jeffrey Fontaine, Eric Piette

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes

**Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2015**

Minutes from July 27, 2015 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications**

A. No applications filed.

**Old Business**

- A.. Review/Update: Grant opportunities for the Forestdale Schoolhouse master plan (re: joint venture with the North Smithfield Heritage Association).
1. Continuing. NS Heritage Association does not meet in June and/ or July.
- B. On Hold.: Historic District Informational Meeting with the Slatersville Congregational Church.
1. Meeting will coincide with proposed meeting advocating expansion of the Slatersville Historic District. Meeting date yet to be determined.
- C. Review/Update: NSHDC Standards & Guidelines Brochure (RIHPHC CLG Grant status).
1. Edits were made to brochure in anticipation of final review due September 18, 2015.
  2. Printing bids due on October 15, 2015 (three quotes must be presented).
  3. Guide to be mailed to residents by November 19, 2015.
- D. Review/Update: Expansion of Slatersville Historic District re: National Park Service and the inclusion of Slatersville in the new Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Park.
1. Jeff Harris and Christian deRezendes (NSHDC members) met with Jess Nublet, intern for National Park Service Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Park.
  2. Jess Nublet inquired as to the workings of NSHDC. Mr. Harris and Mr. de Rezendes reviewed the composition of the NSHDC and how it conducts its responsibilities.
  3. Representative of National Park Service plans to attend a NSHDC meeting in the near future.

E. Review/Update: Status of Forestdale Mill (Stamina Mill) superfund site Re-use study, School Street, Forestdale, National Historic District.

1. EPA in its review of property conditions is funding a study by Skeo Solutions(Matt Robbie) to examine potential future uses of property.
2. Matt Robbie forwarded a draft memo to Jeff Harris who returned it with suggested edits.

### **New Business**

A. Notice: Grow Smart RI Workshop: Writing Sound Decisions, Monday, September 14, 2015, 5:30-9:00 pm, Cumberland Public Library, 1464 Diamond Hill Road

B. Current events related to N.S. Heritage Association.

1. preparing for Pumpkinfest.
2. determining scope of work and financing for Forestdale Schoolhouse front steps repair and replacement

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee  
Research

1. Continuing.

B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).

1. Continuing; still pursuing matching funds for the Forestdale Schoolhouse Master Plan.

C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission  
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):

1. Continuing. See above, under Old Business Caption C.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:41

Motion: Elizabeth Martin

Seconded: Keith Nadeau

All in favor All

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, September 28 , 2015